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SUBJECT: WEST GERMAN QUERY ON US SVALBARD POLICY

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1. DCM AND EMBOFF MET WITH FRG EMBASSY CHARGE WAND FEB 23 IN RESPONSE HIS REQUEST FOR BRIEFING ON SVALBARD. DCM GAVE TEXT OF US SVALBARD RESERVATION TO WAND FOR WHICH HE WAS GRATEFUL AND URGED HIM TO ENCOURAGE FRG OFFICIALS TO PURSUE DISCUSSION OF LEGAL AND OTHER ASPECTS OF SVALBARD THROUGH FRG EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

2. DURING GENERAL DISCUSSION SVALBARD ISSUES WAND SAID HE WAS PREPARING EMBASSY BRIEFING PAPER, WHICH WOULD BE ONE OF INPUTS INTO INTERAGENCY STUDY BONN IS MAKING OF SVALBARD BEGINNING WITH MEETING MARCH 8. FROM WAND'S DESCRIPTION IT APPEARED STUDY WILL COVER CONTINENTAL SHELF AND BROAD RANGE OF OTHER SVALBARD ISSUES.

3. DURING DISCUSSION OF HIS INPUT WAND MADE IT CLEAR HIS EVALUATION OF THE LEGAL, ECONOMIC AND STRATEGIC FACTORS INCLINED HIM TOWARD THE NEED FOR THE FRG TO ASSERT ITS RIGHTS ON SVALBARD SHELF AS A MEANS OF PROTECTING ITS ECONOMIC INTERESTS AND LEGAL RIGHTS AS WELL
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AS PROVIDING NORWAY STRONG WESTERN PRESENCE AND BACKING

FOR ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND ASSERTION OF ITS CONTROL OVER
SOVIET ACTIVITIES ON SVALBARD AND CONTINENTAL SHELF.
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